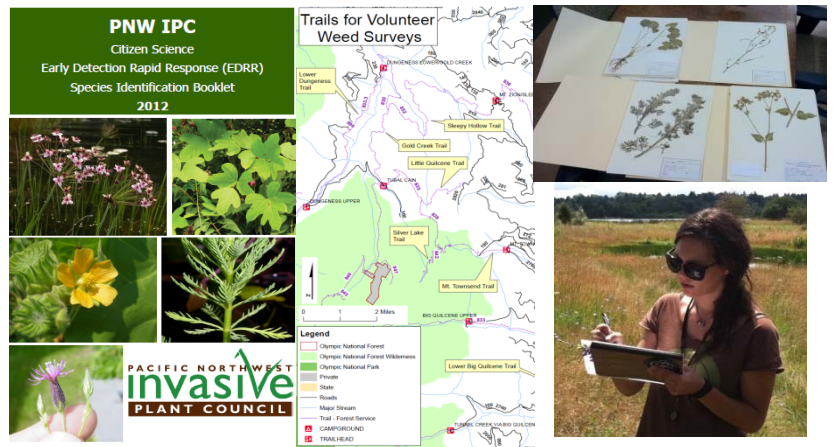




Call for Citizen Scientists: Join a regional volunteer effort to detect and eradicate invasive plant species!



2015 EARLY DETECTION, REPORTING AND IDENTIFICATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS – NORTH BEND TRAINING SESSION

Sunday, May 3rd 9:00 am-4:00 pm [Includes optional field plant ID training]

Address: Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest North Bend Ranger Station, Meeting Hall (behind Ranger Station), 902 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045

Hosted by: Carrie Schreiber, Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, and Sasha Shaw, King County Noxious Weed Control Program. This is a joint training for the Upper Snoqualmie/Alpine Lakes Wilderness Weed Watchers and the PNW-IPC EDRR program.

To register please contact Julie Combs at pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com or call 615-812-5295 to reserve your place! Check website for updates: <http://www.pnw-ipc.org/calendar.shtml>

About the Program

The Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council (PNW-IPC) is a non-profit conservation organization (<http://www.pnw-ipc.org/>) working in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, Washington Dept. of Agriculture (WSDA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other state and local groups on a Citizen Science EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) program. With funding from the National Forest Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the WSDA, we are gearing up for our fourth year to search for priority and newly emerging invasive plants in our National Forests, National Parks and other public lands. **We are excited to recruit new volunteers and inspire our current volunteer base to search for invasive plant populations.** We have identified specific focal areas to survey for invasive on National Forests and Parks, DNR and other state land but there is a great need to document emerging invasive populations on all public lands. **If you are recreating and/or working on public lands and are interested in participating in our program, you are invited to attend one of our upcoming trainings.**

Citizen Science EDRR Volunteer Training

Our mission is to train citizens to identify a suite of invasive plants in a **free training** where you will learn **how to identify priority invasive species and how to record basic data** regarding problematic invasive plants. Participants learn plant identification through a PowerPoint presentation, herbarium sheet specimens and live material. Participants also learn methods of manual removal and which species you should not attempt to remove. **Trainings will equip volunteers with the knowledge** necessary to conduct invasive plant surveys in order to support local land managers that need your help. **Your efforts will directly support the maintenance of healthy ecosystems.** Volunteers will receive an invasive plant identification booklet along with survey forms. **We hope that volunteers who sign up will conduct 1-2 surveys over the 2015 field season.**